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Dear Mr. Abelson:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), on behalf of the Executive Branch Agencies, has approved the release of an additional Executive Branch proposal for WRC-07. This proposal considers the federal agency inputs toward the development of the U.S. Proposals for WRC-07.

The enclosed document contains a draft U.S. proposal for agenda item 1.2. This proposal is forwarded for your consideration and review by your WRC-07 Advisory Committee. Jim Vorhies of my staff is the primary contact for NTIA.

Sincerely,

*(Original Signed 14 September 2005)*  
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Enclosure

## United States of America

### DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

**Agenda Item 1.2 (Res 746):** to consider allocations and regulatory issues related to the Earth exploration-satellite (passive) service, space research (passive) service and the meteorological satellite service in accordance with Resolutions **746 (WRC-03)** and **742 (WRC-03)**;

**Background Information:** This proposal addresses *resolves 1* of Resolutions **746 (WRC-03)**, “to invite ITU-R to conduct sharing analyses between geostationary meteorological satellites operating in the space-to-Earth direction and the fixed, fixed-satellite and mobile services in the band 18.0-18.4 GHz to define appropriate sharing criteria with a view to extending the current 18.1-18.3 GHz geostationary meteorological satellite allocation in the space-to-Earth direction to 300 MHz of contiguous spectrum.” Presently the meteorological-satellite (MetSat) service (space-to-Earth), limited to the geostationary-satellite orbit (GSO), is allocated by footnote **5.519** in the band 18.1-18.3 GHz. The band is allocated on a primary basis to the fixed-satellite service (FSS), the fixed service and the mobile service in all three Regions and these allocations also exist for these same services in the band 17.8-18.1 GHz in all Regions. In both bands, the FSS is allocated in both the space-to-Earth and Earth-to-space directions. Additionally, in the 18.1-18.4 GHz band, the FSS (space-to-Earth) allocation has associated with it Nos. **5.484A** and **5.516B**. The first provision applies to non-Geostationary FSS satellite systems. The latter provision states that the band 18.3-19.3 GHz has been identified for use by high-density applications in the FSS in Region 2.

WP-7B has been the lead ITU-R group concerned with analyzing the sharing potential with other services in the band and it has exchanged several Liaison Statements with WP-4A. As a consequence of the information provided by WP-4A, those involved in the design of the next generation GSO meteorological satellites have optimized the design to maximize the level of homogeneity between FSS and Metsat systems. It is envisioned that this would maximize compatibility and facilitate coordination under No. **9.7** for operation of both types of systems in the space-to-Earth direction.

In accordance with No. **5.516** the band 18.0-18.1 GHz in the Earth-to-space direction is used for feeder links for the broadcasting-satellite service. Compatibility studies have been performed to estimate the typical required separation distances in reverse band sharing situations between receiving MetSat earth stations and transmitting BSS feeder uplink stations. In the worst case, it has been determined that around 40 km separation is required. Therefore it is expected that with some care in situating the limited number of MetSat receive stations international coordination would rarely be required under No. **9.17A**.

While the expected design of the GSO MetSat satellite networks envisioned for operation in the 300 MHz wide band appears to be generally compatible with FSS systems being implemented, it would appear that, for Region 2, operating MetSat systems below 18.3 GHz would avoid several potential difficulties. Given the desire to have a common MetSat allocation in all three Regions, it is proposed to expand the additional allocation in No. **5.519** from 18.1-18.3 GHz to 18.0-18.3 GHz, including the limitation to geostationary satellites and the requirement to meet the provisions of Article **21**, Table 21-4.

In addition, ITU-R studies have shown that, in conjunction with extending the MetSat allocation, extending the existing FSS coordination arc principle in this band to the case of MetSat systems coordinating with FSS networks has the potential to reduce the workload of the Bureau in identifying affected administrations and fulfils the purposes envisioned by Resolution **901 (WRC-03)**. As such, a consequential modification to Table 5-1 of Appendix **5** to include this change is also

proposed. It is noted that as with the current No. **9.7**, an administration may request, pursuant to No. **9.41**, to be included in requests for coordination involving the MetSat or FSS service in this band, indicating the networks for which the value of  $\Delta T/T$  calculated by the method in § 2.2.1.2 and 3.2 of Appendix **8** exceeds 6%.

**Proposal:**

**ARTICLE 5**

**Frequency allocations**

Section IV – Table of Frequency Allocations  
(See No. 2.1)

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**5.519** *Additional allocation:* the band 18.40-18.3 GHz is also allocated to the meteorological-satellite service (space-to-Earth) on a primary basis. Its use is limited to geostationary satellites and shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article **21**, Table **21-4**.

**Reasons:** Expanding the current 18.1-18.3 GHz geostationary meteorological-satellite service (space-to-Earth) allocation to the band 18.0-18.1 GHz by modifying No. **5.519** will provide greater flexibility for the meteorological-satellite service and extend the current criteria (i.e., the limitation to geostationary satellites and the requirement to meet the provisions of Article **21**, Table 21-4) to protect existing services.

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**15.4-18.4 GHz**

Allocation to services		
Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
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	<b>17.8-18.40</b> FIXED FIXED-SATELLITE (space-to-Earth) 5.484A (Earth-to-space) 5.516 MOBILE	
<b>18.40-18.4</b>	FIXED FIXED-SATELLITE (space-to-Earth) 5.484A 5.516B (Earth-to-space) 5.520 MOBILE <u>MOD</u> 5.519 5.521	

**Reasons:** Consequential changes due to the modification of No. **5.519**.

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APPENDIX 5 (REV.WRC-03)

**Identification of administrations with which coordination is to be effected or agreement sought under the provisions of Article 9**

TABLE 5-1 (REV.WRC-03)

**Technical conditions for coordination  
(see Article 9)**

TABLE 5-1 (CONTINUED) (REV.WRC-03)

Reference of Article 9	Case	Frequency bands (and Region) of the service for which coordination is sought	Threshold/condition	Calculation method	Remarks
No. 9.7 GSO/GSO (cont.)		3) 17.7-20.2 GHz, (Regions 2 and 3), 17.3-20.2 GHz (Region 1) and 27.5-30 GHz	i) Bandwidth overlap, and  ii) any network in the FSS and <u>or MetSat service</u> any associated space operation functions (see No. 1.23) with a space station within an orbital arc of $\pm 8^\circ$ of the nominal orbital position of a proposed network in the FSS <u>or MetSat service</u>		

**Reasons:** Consequential modification to the additional allocation to MetSat in the band 18.0-18.1 GHz. ITU studies have shown that extending the  $\pm 8^\circ$  coordination arc, currently applicable to FSS networks in this band, to the meteorological-satellite (MetSat) services in this band would reduce the workload of the Bureau in identifying affected administrations and the number of unnecessary coordinations for such systems while maintaining the rights of administrations to be included in requests for coordination involving the MetSat or FSS service in this band.